

Fort Campbell Earth Day



The 35th annual Army Earth Day at Fort Campbell featured more than 40 booths of environmental information and activities for more than 1,300 Fort Campbell elementary and middle school students. Interactive demonstrations, group puzzles, scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, and elaborate displays taught earth friendly lessons to students, faculty, soldiers and family members. Earth friendly practices such as bicycling, hybrid cars, making your own paper and using alternative power sources were only a few of the booths created to educate and entertain our young environmentalists.

Earth Day Everyday:

Fort Campbell Environmental Division personnel promote the spirit of Earth Day throughout the year through many environmental initiatives:

- Ragbags: These notebook-sized cloth bags made from old jeans, sheets, curtains, blankets, and many other types of scrap materials teach the concept of reduce, reuse and recycle. Messages attached to the bags read “I’m reusable... please wear me out.” These cloth bags replace the standard plastic bags typically used to collect brochures and handouts at the fair. Volunteers from the Environmental

Division and the community donated their time, materials, and sewing skills to prepare more

than 2,000 ragbags, one per student attending Earth Day.

- Elementary students decorated commissary paper bags with Earth-friendly messages and drawings to remind our community to care for our Earth and to recycle.
- Girl Scout Troop 116 created a humanitree for the entrance of the Earth Day fair. This 6+ foot giant tree displayed dozens of paper leaves adorned with student and school environmental pledges.
- High school students created more than 20 original entries in the Earth Day art contest. (right)
- Middle School Earth Day Art– (“Art that doesn’t impact the environment”) Temporary exhibits made outside by using only natural materials which are removed soon after the assembly to retain the integrity of the “canvas”.



Winners of the 2005 Earth Day High School Art Contest

Below: flowers made from aluminum cans.



During the fair

- Austin Peay State University Art Department gathered trash from the local riverbank and spent the day making recycled art with the Earth Day fair attendees.
- The Fort Campbell Forestry Division presented more than 800 seedlings to students and teachers to plant at their homes.
- A tree planting ceremony complete with live music by the Mahaffey middle school band provides an ever-growing reminder of the 2005 Fort Campbell Earth Day event.
- Scavenger hunts focused hundreds of excited students touring Earth Day booths. As classes progress, careful listening to presentations reap answers to questions on scavenger hunt cards. Completed cards earned eligibility for prizes at the end of the fair.
- An aluminum recycling awareness game: guess the number of aluminum cans in a block of recycled aluminum.



Children participate in tree planting ceremony

Fort Campbell Earth Day Booths

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Campbell Forestry Program I (Wood You Believe) • Fort Campbell Forestry Program II (10 Ways to Kill A Tree) • Fort Campbell Boy Scouts (Saving Our Natural Resources) • Fort Campbell Girl Scout Cadette/ Senior Troop 116 (Humanitree) • Pet Care (Pet Education) • CH2MHill (FTC Water Treatment) • Clarksville Department of Energy/TVA (Green Power Switch) • Fort Campbell Water Program (How to Tick off a Turtle/ Buster Backflow) • TN Agricultural Museum, Ellington (Patch, Pinch and Preserve) • Fort Campbell Wildlife Management (Birds of a Feather) • Fort Campbell SW/Recycling (Litter- It Ends With You) • Fort Campbell Waste Diversion (Waste Diversion) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheatham Dam (Water Safety) • Cultural Resources Management (Artifacts, Knapping/Excavate) • LRAM Program (Heavy Equipment and You) • Bi-County Landfill (Landfill Model) • RTLA Program • Breathitt Veterinary Center (Birds of Prey Rehabilitation) • NRCS Mont. Soil Cons. District and Five Rivers (Water Quality & Soil Erosion) • Air Quality Program (Be A Sun Wise Kid) • Bees (Apiary Management) • Austin Peay State University Center of Excellence for Field Biology /Project W.E.T. • Land Between the Lakes Nature Center (Turtle Cons) • Fort Campbell Family Housing (Container Gardening) • Destiny Parks & Pavilions (Horse Care & Riding) • Red River/Cumberland Compact (Watersheds & Water Quality) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toyota of Clarksville (Prius hybrid car) • Spill Management (Spilling 101) • Austin Peay State University Geo Club (Minerals and You) • Clarksville Mont. CO Museum (Bubbles) • CATS, (Clean Air Technology) • Bicycle Center of Clarksville- Earth friendly transportation) • Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (Energy Conservation- Carbon cycle) • Audubon Society (Backyard Birds) • Jim Newton's Science Team (Power Solutions) • Integrated Pest Mgmt. (Pesticide Uses in Environment) • Fort Campbell High School Earth Day Art Contest • Fort Campbell Energy Office (See Your Energy Use in a New Light) |
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After Earth Day: Prize giveaways and Drawing Winners:

The spirit of Earth Day carries over into after Earth Day events such as prize giveaways. Working with local schools, the Environmental Division delivered prizes to each of the 30 lucky winners. In addition, the Environmental Division donates Earth Day display components including posters and activities to local schools to promote earth friendly learning aids throughout the year.

